



# Cholla District Network News



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## Strike Called, Impacts Glendale Bus Routes

As you have probably heard, the fixed route bus strike is in its third day. Glendale contracts with Phoenix for our fixed route service. This strike is affecting all the east/west routes in Glendale. Phoenix's contractor, Veolia, is working to provide at least hourly service on all routes, however at this time they are at less than 20% service levels. While all our north/south routes are at full service levels (half-hour service), east/west routes are ranging from hourly service to service every 4 hours. Unfortunately, some routes do not have service at all. We have been notified that Veolia is bringing in bus drivers from other states to train and provide service, but that will take awhile to accomplish. The level of service will change throughout the day.

Information is available on the Phoenix website at [www.phoenix.gov/publictransit](http://www.phoenix.gov/publictransit) and the Valley Metro website at [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org). Customers can call the Valley Metro customer service center at (602)-253-5000, however they have been receiving a large volume of calls and getting through is difficult.

We continue to operate our Dial-A-Ride and Gus services and are getting additional requests for service. However, these smaller services cannot begin to replicate the amount of fixed route service that is not operating.

### The 11 impacted local bus routes are:

- Route 50 – Camelback Road
- Route 60 – Bethany Home Road
- Route 70 – Glendale Avenue
- Route 80 – Northern Avenue
- Route 90 – Olive Avenue
- Route 106 – Peoria Avenue
- Route 122 – Cactus Avenue
- Route 138 – Thunderbird Road
- Route 170 – Bell Road
- Route 186 – Union Hills Road

Express Route 581, which operates Monday through Friday from 59th and Thunderbird, is not expected to operate during a strike.

The closest route providing full service levels for an east/west connection is Route 41 – Indian School Road.

Unaffected bus routes are the north/south bus routes in the city, including those along 67th, 59th, 51st and 43rd avenues; in addition, express routes not impacted include route numbers 573 (Loop 101) and 575 (Loop 101) and the Grand Avenue Limited.

For more information and transportation alternatives, [click here](#).

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